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U.S. TREASURER TO STRIKE FIRST NEW CIRCULATING COIN IN 22 YEARS

U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow and Mint Director Philip Diehl will strike the first Circulating Commemorative Quarter at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7, at the U.S. Mint, 151 North Independence Mall East, Philadelphia. This quarter will honor the state of Delaware, the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Delaware Governor Thomas Carper and Delaware Congressman Michael N. Castle, chairman of the House Banking Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, will join the ceremony.

The Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program Act provides for the redesign of the tails (reverse) side of the quarters with designs emblematic of each of the 50 states. The law provides for five states to be featured each year beginning in 1999, in the order in which the states ratified the U.S. Constitution or were admitted into the Union. This is the first new U.S. circulating coin since the bicentennial quarter.

Cameras may begin setting up at 9:30 a.m. Media wishing to attend must provide name, address, date of birth, location of birth and social security number by calling Diana Heide (212) 546-1321 or Tim Grant (215) 408-0110.

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